

# GRANDFATHER MOUNTAIN



Encounter  
nature on  
a whole  
different  
level.

# One highly significant mountain

Grandfather Mountain is one of the most environmentally significant mountains in



the world. It is recognized by the U.N. as an International Biosphere Reserve,

## A mountain to enjoy

There are no timetables or agendas on Grandfather. You can come for a picnic and stay all day. You can walk a few steps to a cliffside overlook or hike a dozen miles



## A high level destination



No matter the season, Grandfather never fails to stir the soul with its ancient black cliffs, laddered trails, and astonishing views. The pinks of its rare Azalea vaseyi and reds of its rhododendron are as celebrated as its world famous Scottish gathering in July. Even its weather – its

# gnificant place.



a place where man and nature thrive in harmony.

Only 324 biospheres exist and this mountain is the only one that is privately owned. There are 47 rare and endangered species here.

## oy in your own way.

over boulder-strewn trails.

You can lead a family expedition across Grand-father's mile-high bridge, spot a bear cub or a panther in a habitat, and photograph a majestic view with all your friends in the middle.



## on any day of the year.

beautiful mists and winter icicle days—add to the mystique of the mountain.



Grandfather is open all year. For information



about the mountain and its calendar of seasonal activities, call 828-733-2013 or 800-468-7325.



## MILE HIGH SWINGING BRIDGE



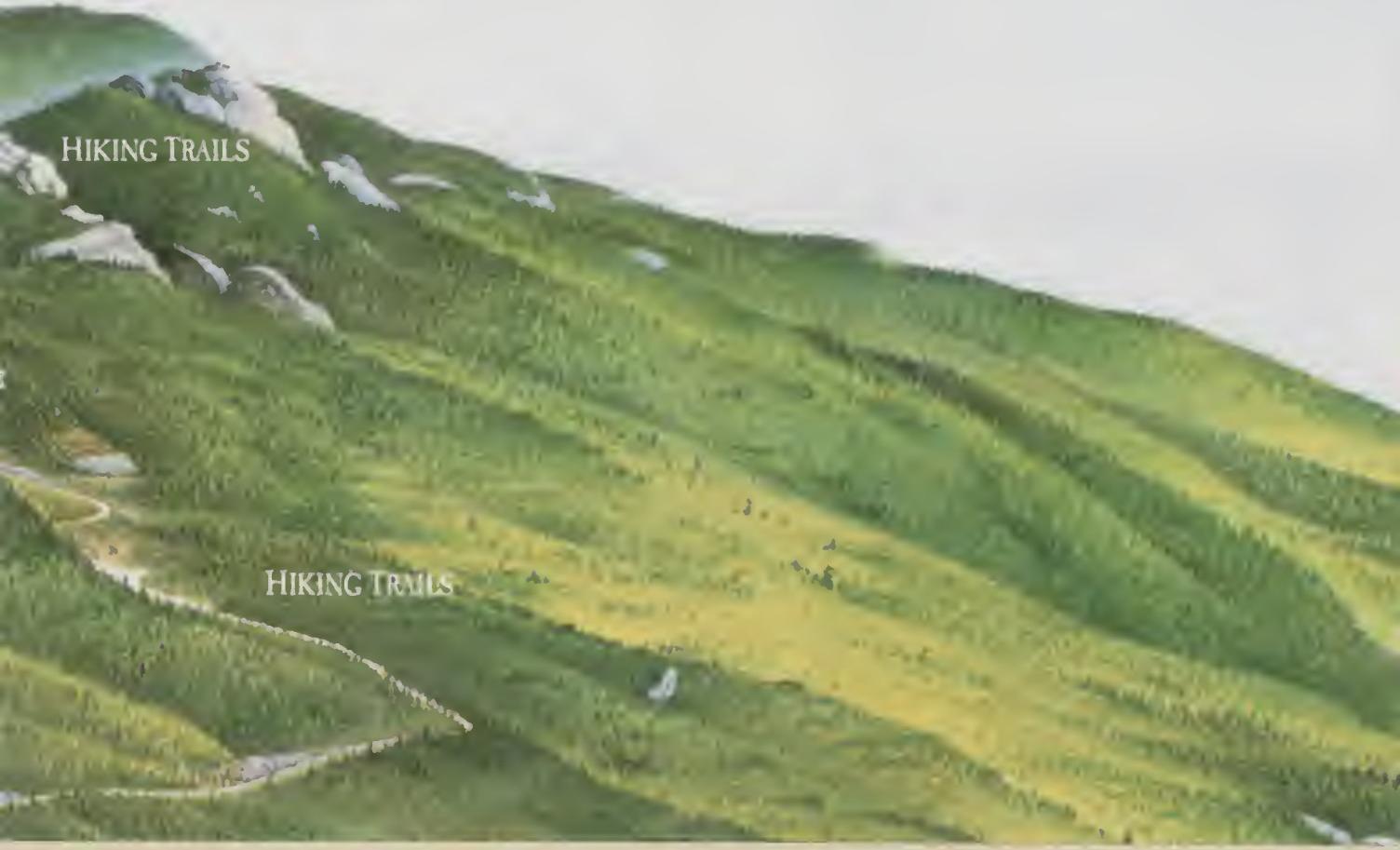
On the highest swinging footbridge in America, you will be surrounded by the great peaks of the southern Appalachians. Crossing this famous bridge suspends visitors actually more than a mile above sea level. And every vista, in every direction you turn, brings on a sense of wonder.

## ANIMALS ON A DIFFERENT LEVEL



Your level. You'll be looking into the eyes of eagles and watching otters dive, spin and somersault underwater. And you'll see deer, panthers, black bears and cubs at play in beautiful natural settings.

# HIGHEST POINT IN BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAINS



## HIKING & PICNICKING

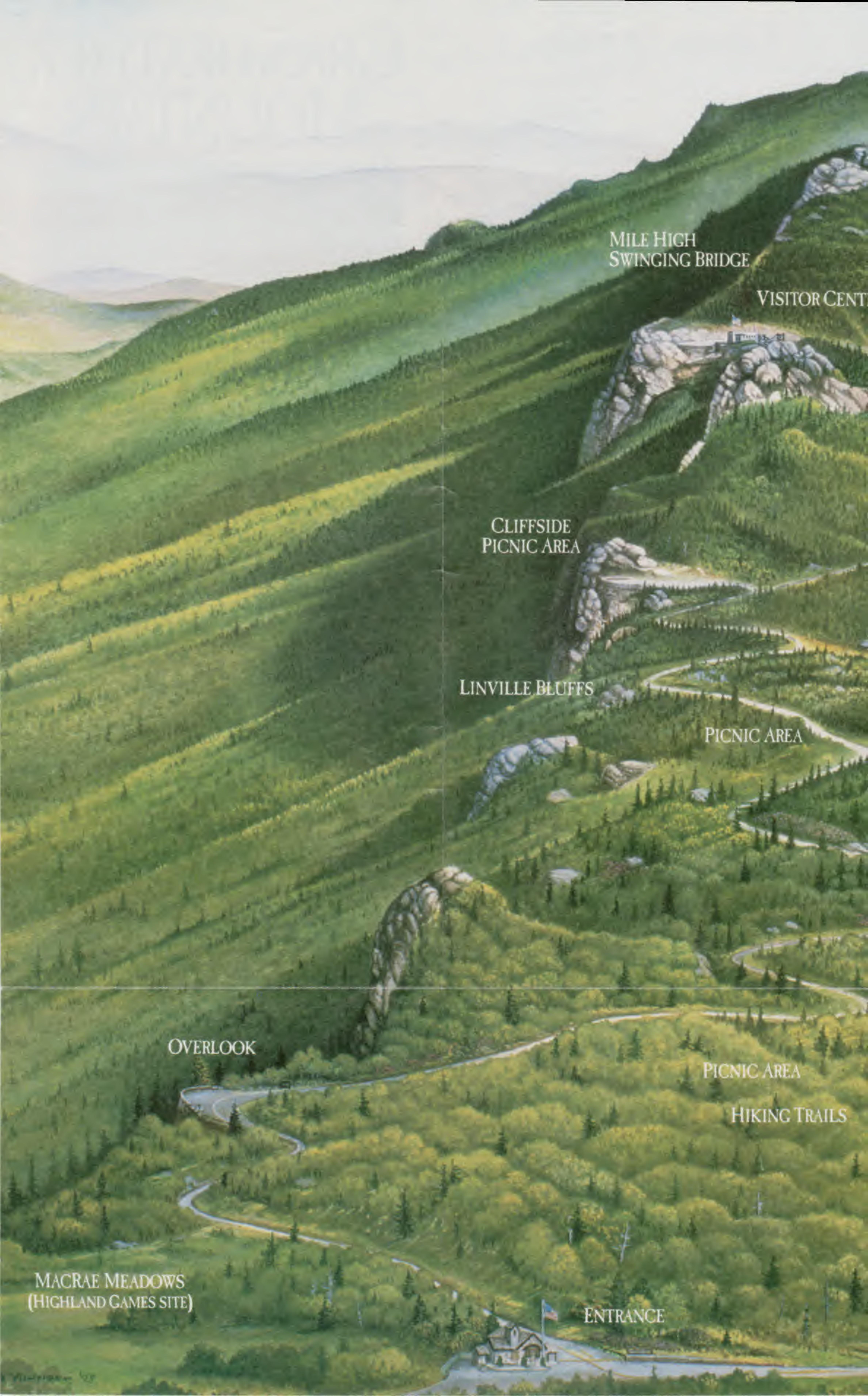


Hiking isn't required to enjoy your visit to the mountain. If so inclined, there are miles of interlaced trails—offering some of the best Alpine hiking in the South—and a couple of delightful, short walking trails. For a gentler outdoor experience, we've made it easy to find a majestic place to picnic in the midst of nature's company.

## NATURE MUSEUM



You'll learn a lot more about the mountain at Grandfather's Nature Museum. Exhibits and award-winning films speak to its many aspects—endangered species, unique weather, and colorful wildflowers and birds. Shopping is a "natural" in the Museum's shop and meals are made-to-order in its airy, family restaurant.



MILE HIGH  
SWINGING BRIDGE

VISITOR CENT

CLIFFSIDE  
PICNIC AREA

LINVILLE BLUFFS

PICNIC AREA

OVERLOOK

PICNIC AREA

HIKING TRAILS

MACRAE MEADOWS  
(HIGHLAND GAMES SITE)

ENTRANCE

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HIKING TRAILS

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NATURE MUSEUM

SPLIT ROCK

ANIMAL HABITATS

BEAR CUBS  
BEARS  
BALD EAGLES  
GOLDEN EAGLES  
PANTHERS  
DEER  
AND OTTERS

US 221

# Calendar Of Events

May (First Two Weekends):	Bird and wildflower outings
May 20 - June 30:	Red rhododendron, laurel, flame azalea in bloom
Weekend after Memorial Day:	Nature Photography Workshop
June (Fourth Sunday):	"Singing on the Mountain" all-day gospel sing
July 1 - 20:	White rhododendron in bloom
July (Second Weekend):	Highland Games & Gathering of the Scottish Clans
Mid-August: (Third Weekend):	Amateur & Professional Camera Clinic
October 5 - 25:	Peak beauty of fall foliage

## Ticket Information

Grandfather Mountain is open daily all year except Thanksgiving day and Christmas day. **Ticket sales** are 8 AM to 4 PM, winter; 8 AM to 5 PM, spring/fall; and 8 AM to 6 PM, summer. The park closes one hour after ticket sales stop. Average visit is 2 to 3 hours.

Because of sharp, hairpin curves near the top of the mountain, jointed vehicles and motor homes more than 28 feet in length are not permitted on the summit road. Also for safety reasons, bicycles are not permitted.

## Southern Highlands Attractions

While vacationing in our region, we recommend you also visit these fine attractions:

**In North Carolina:** Biltmore Estate, Chimney Rock Park, The Blowing Rock, Tweetsie Railroad, Old Salem, and Great Smoky Mountains Railroad.

**In Tennessee:** Rocky Mount, Christus Gardens, Gatlinburg Sky Lift, Lost Sea, Lookout Mountain Incline Railway, Rock City, and Ruby Falls.

**In Virginia:** Luray Caverns, and Natural Bridge.

For information visit [www.southernhighlands.org](http://www.southernhighlands.org)



For more information about traveling in our area, phone NC High Country Host at 1-800-438-7500 any day between 9 & 5.

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